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"We do as little legitimate business as we can."

—CIA Director William Colby, explaining to a congressional panel that CIA-controlled corporations do not pose a threat to the "free enterprise" system.

"... a Greek tragedy."

—Henry Kissinger, characterizing relations between Turkey and the United States.

"Why don't you people get lost?"

—Spiro Agnew, to reporters who spotted him at the Coors brewery in Colorado.

Assassination Training?

The Cambridge-based Assassination Information Bureau has filed under the Freedom of Information Act a request to the CIA asking if the famous Zapruder film of President Kennedy's assassination was used for "training purposes." The AIB's approach to the Agency was prompted by discovery of a letter sent by FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover on December 4, 1964 to J. Lee Rankin, the general counsel to the Warren Commission; the note was brought to public attention by Professor Josiah Thompson of Haverford College, author of *Six Seconds in Dallas*.

Hoover's letter reads: "You previously have been informed that this Bureau is in possession of a copy of a film portraying the assassination of President John F. Kennedy . . . This Bureau has not permitted the copy of the film to be released outside of this Bureau without the concurrence of the Commission. The Central Intelligence Agency has inquired if the film copy in possession of this Bureau can be loaned to that Agency solely for training purposes. The showing of the film would be restricted to Agency personnel . . . Unless advised to the contrary, this Bureau will make available a copy of the film to the Central Intelligence Agency on a loan basis . . ."

Harvey Yazijian of the AIB says, "The Zapruder film is of a domestic political assassination. Why was the CIA requesting it? There is only one thing to be learned from that film and that is how to murder a head of state." Under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, the CIA has 10 working days in which to reply to the AIB demands.